

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: President, Board of Police Commissioners

SUBJECT: COMMISSION LIAISON AND ASSIGNMENTS - REVISED

The Board of Police Commissioners (Board) provides civilian oversight of the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) as mandated by the City Charter. In order to facilitate this complex task and to provide the Board the ability to oversee more effectively the Department I am initiating a liaison program whereby the oversight of specific Department operational and policy functions are assigned to individual Commissioners.

This will also provide the Department with information so the respective department entities can provide their Commissioner with information on various projects they are assigned. Also included are the Commissioners Goals for 2005.

The following assignments are in effect for Fiscal Year 2004/05:

Anti-Terrorist Liaison

Commissioners Cunningham or Skobin

In accordance with the ATD/Intelligence Standards and Procedures approved by the Commission on March 18, 2003. The President designates himself or Commissioner Skobin as the Commission's Undercover Investigation Liaison. This includes approving requests from the Department for covert investigations and supervising the annual audit of ATD Files. Staff support is provided by the OIC of the Policy Section.

Designated Department Entities:

Counter Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau
Major Crimes Division
Emergency Services Division

Community Policing Liaison

Commissioner Alarcon

This Commissioner will work to enhance the working relationships among the Department, the Community Police Advisory Boards and the Senior Lead Officers to formulate a working definition of a community policing and initiate a consensus based process to define the component parts of the community policing philosophy. The Policy Section provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Assistant Director Office of Operations

Geographic Area Senior Lead Officers
Community Police Advisory Boards

Cultural and Language Task Force

Commissioners Ochi

This Commissioner will meet with Department and community leaders to develop systems to ensure that LAPD is able to communicate with those citizens who do not utilize English as a first language. Staff support is provided by the Policy Section.

Executive Management and Budget Liaison

Commissioner Cunningham

This Commissioner will meet with the Chief of Police on all policy matters and meet periodically to receive updates on the formulation and execution of the Department Budget. The Executive Director and the Policy Section provide staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Facilities Management Division
Fiscal Operations Division
Chief of Staff
Government Liaison
Community Relations Section
Public Information Office
Office of the Chief of Police
Planning and Research Division (Grants)

Hate Crimes Task Force

Commissioner Ochi

This Commissioner will lead a task force consisting of community and Department members who were instrumental in establishing a process for addressing hate crimes and meet to monitor the progress and/or revise the process. The Commissioner will also serve as liaison for all issues related to hate crimes training for Department personnel. Staff support is provided by the Policy Section.

Housing Task Force

Commissioner Cunningham

This Commissioner will meet with members of the banking community and the Housing Department to obtain low or no cost down payments and loans for those officers who move back into the City. Staff support is provided by the Policy Section.

Mental Health Task Force

Commissioner Ochi

This Commissioner will serve on County's mental health task force that is attempting to enhance the response of law enforcement personnel when dealing with the mentally ill and homeless. Current efforts include monitoring training and compliance with recommendations from the Lodestar Report. The Commissioner will also serve as liaison for all issues related to mental health training for Department personnel. Staff support is provided by the Policy Section.

Personnel Liaison

Commissioner Alarcon

This Commissioner will deal with third level grievances and discrimination complaints by any Department employee. The Commissioner will work very closely with the Personnel Group of the Police Commission in reviewing and approving their findings. The Personnel Group provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Recruiting and Employment
Police Training and Education
Behavioral Sciences services
Ombudsoffice

Policies and Practices Liaison

Commissioner Cunningham or Skobin

These Commissioners will meet with the Department to oversee the implementation of the numerous reform recommended by the Consent Decree. Staff support is provided by the OIC of the Policy Section and cross-staff with the Inspector General.

Designated Department Entities:

Consent Decree Bureau
Risk Management Group
Civil Rights Integrity Division
Audit Division
TEAMS II

Reserve Officer Liaison

Commissioner Skobin

This Commissioner will meet with the Reserve Officers Corps for the purpose of enhancing the profile and visibility of reserve officers and their relationship with the Department. Staff support is provided by the Policy Section.

Science and Technology Liaison

Commissioner Ochi

This Commissioner will meet with Department and community leaders on an ongoing basis to review and assess the Department's non-Consent Decree technological and forensic capabilities. Staff support provided by the Policy Section.

Designated Department Entities:

Information and Communication Services Bureau
Communications Division
Emergency Command Control Communications Systems Division
Information Technology Division

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Records and Identification Division
Technical Services Group
Property Division
Scientific Investigation Division
Motor Transport Division

Transportation and Traffic Liaison

Commissioner Skobin

The Commissioner will oversee the Official Police Garaging process, from RFP selection to rate increase requests to revocation of contracts, if warranted. The Commissioner will work closely with the Department on transportation and traffic issues. Commission Investigation Division provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Valley Traffic Division
South Traffic Division
Central Traffic Division
West Traffic Division

Use of Force Liaison

Commissioner Skobin

The Commissioner will work closely with the Department on use of force issues. Additionally, all officer involved shootings involving animals are reviewed by this Commissioner, who is authorized to make a decision regarding the justification of the shooting. The Office of the Inspector General provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Force Investigation Division
Use of Force Review Section

Operations Liaison

Commissioner Skobin

The Commissioner will work with the Assistant Chief overseeing all patrol, detective, and specialized support functions. Additionally, the Commissioner will participate in evaluating the implementation of new and innovative policing models and the testing of new police technologies and strategies. The Police Commission Staff provides staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

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Geographic Areas
Office of Operations
Geographic Bureaus
Special Operations Bureau
Special Operations Support Division

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Metropolitan Division
Air Support Division
Jail Division
Narcotics Division
Vice Division
Special Events Section
Detective Bureau
Juvenile Division
Detective Support Division
Robbery-Homicide Division
Commercial Crimes division

Airport Police Merger Liaison

Commissioner Caruso

This Commissioner will work with the Chief of Police and Department on the evaluation of the merger of LAWAPD and LAPD to carry out the "One City One Department" project. The Executive Director provides staff support.

Training Liaison

Commissioner Skobin or Ochi

This Commissioner will oversee issues of training for new officer candidates and the continuing education of sworn Department Personnel as it conforms to Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) and Department objectives and policies. This oversight also includes POST mandated training and retraining of Officers' perishable skills and Consent Decree required training for specific skills in the areas of mental health, hate crimes, and retaliation. Staff support is provided by the Policy Unit.

Designated Department Entities:

Training Group
Training Division
Police Training and Education

Professional Standards Liaison

Commissioners Cunningham or Skobin

These Commissioners will provide oversight of the Department's commitment to quality of service, community accountability, and Department professionalism, integrity, and credibility. The Office of the Inspector General will provide staff support.

Designated Department Entities:

Professional Standards Bureau
Criminal Investigation Division
Special Operations Division
Administrative Investigation Division

Commissioner goals for 2005:

President Cunningham:

Accomplish the full implementation of TEAMS II as mandated by the Consent Decree.

Vice-President Skobin:

Create a Use of Force Task Force to review the evaluation process for use of force incidents and make recommendations to the Board of Police Commissioners for all changes to that process.

Establish a dialog with the Community Redevelopment Agency on areas of mutual concern.

Commissioner Caruso:

Consolidate the LAX Airport Police operations with the LAPD.

Encourage passage of a one-half cent sales tax measure to facilitate the Department efforts to hire more officers.

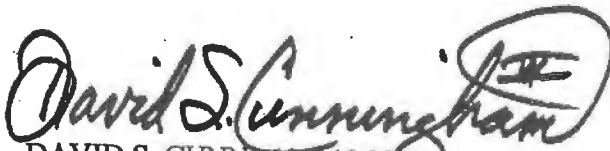
Commissioner Ochi:

With Stakeholder input,

1. identify strategies for "real time" anti-retaliation programs
2. improve communication with non-English speaking residents

Commissioner Alarcon:

Monitor domestic violence and community policing issues and to liaison with the various employee organizations and associations that represent employee diversity.


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